

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-12 are pending.

The Official Action rejected claims 1-12 under §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 7, and 11 have been amended to cancel the term "approximately" so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

Claim 1 stands rejected as obvious over WORTMAN et al. 5,771,328.

Claims 2-3 stand rejected as obvious over WORTMAN et al. in view of BIEBUYCK et al. 5,855,994 together with KING et al. 4,963,788.

Claims 4-6 stand rejected as obvious over WORTMAN et al. in view of LIND et al. 5,999,153 in view of KING et al.

Claims 7-10 stand rejected as obvious over KIM 6,019,654 in view of WORTMAN et al. and in further view of KING et al.

Claims 11-12 stand rejected as obvious over LIND et al. in view of KIM and in further view of WORTMAN et al.

Applicant notes that each of these obviousness rejections rely on WORTMAN et al., taken alone or in combination with one or more other references.

The claims have been amended to recite a primary feature of the present invention wherein the plurality of prism sheets are each placed so as to be respectively corresponding to display elements in a one-to-one relationship, each of these being a minimum display unit forming an image.

Another feature of the present invention (e.g., claim 2) is that the plurality of prism sheets are each placed as non-interfering areas so as to be respectively corresponding to display elements in a one-to-one relationship, each of which is a minimum display unit forming an image of the emitting layer.

Neither WORTMAN et al., alone or in any combination with the applied references, teach this structural relationship.

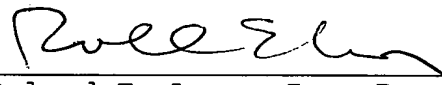
There being no teaching or suggestion in the prior art to arrange the elements of the inventive image display apparatus in the manner now recited, applicant believes that the claims are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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